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SUBJECT: PJD LETTER CONDEMNING ISRAELI ACTIONS IN GAZA

Classified By: Ambassador Thomas T. Riley, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

¶11. (C) At the conclusion of a meeting with political party members on June 29, Lahcen Daoudi, a member of the general secretariat of the Justice and Development Party (PJD) and

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vice president of the Chamber of Representatives of the parliament, passed the following letter addressed to Secretary of State Rice to the Ambassador.

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Date: June 20, 2006 (Note: This is the date on the letter. It is probably, however, a typographical error. June 29, 2006, was the date the letter was hand-delivered to the Ambassador. End Note.)

To The Secretary of State  
Through the US Ambassador in Morocco

Subject: Protest

Greetings,

These days the Israeli army is carrying out a violent raid against the Gaza strip resulting in the killing of innocents and the destruction of Palestinian infrastructure and installations. Many Palestinians have been detained to be added to those thousands already put in prison. All these will add to the ongoing suffering of the Palestinians especially women and children.

The United States of America is assuming a great part of the responsibility in all of this because of its direct support of Israeli policy. This support is in contradiction to all international conventions.

On this occasion, the Justice and Development Party is asking the American administration to give up its double standard policy and press Israel to stop its aggression against the Palestinians and also to put an end to the occupation of its territories. The United States should also press the Israelis to accept an independent Palestinian state and Al Quds as its capital.

Saad Eddine El Othmani  
Secretary General of the PJD

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¶2. (SBU) On June 30, Arabic language newspapers, e.g., Tajdid and Al Alam, included statements against Israeli actions in Gaza. All of the statements focused on Muslims supporting the Palestinians and questioned why Arabs are ignoring the situation. Al Alam reported that the PJD called for a parliamentary debate on the situation and that Istiqqlal parliamentarians discussed mobilizing Moroccans to support Palestinians.

¶3. (C) Comment: Discussion of the GOI's actions in Gaza began to intensify two to three days after the event. The PJD took advantage of a discussion on the 2007 elections (septel) to inform the Department of its condemnation of the events. Calls for supporting Palestinians are not new in Morocco and the PJD's stance is not unexpected. End Comment.

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